

PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS AND NOTES

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Employee Newsletter
Martin Brewer, Superintendent

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Our Mission: PASD creates learning communities that prepare each student to live, work and learn successfully in a changing world.

MARTY'S MINUTE

In true March fashion, it's come in like a lion. Here's to hoping it goes out like a lamb. Thank you for all who attended this week's District Zoom. If you missed it, you can watch the recording [here](#). Thank you for supporting one another and our students during this transition to mask optional. One more step in our journey. We got this!



THE PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT ACKNOWLEDGES, HONORS, AND CELEBRATES MARCH 9TH AS BILLY FRANK JR. DAY.



Billy Frank Jr. (March 9, 1931–May 5, 2014) was a Native American environmental leader and treaty rights activist. A Nisqually tribal member, Frank led a grassroots campaign for fishing rights on the tribe's Nisqually River, located in Washington state, in the 1960s and 1970s. As a lifelong activist and the chairman of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission for over thirty years, Frank promoted cooperative management of natural resources.



Frank advocated for tribal fishing rights during the Fish Wars by hosting a series of “fish-ins” where his actions culminated in the Boldt Decision, which affirmed that Washington state tribes were entitled to half of each year’s fish harvest.

Throughout the month of March, teachers and students are invited to learn more and celebrate the life of the late Indigenous Washington activist Billy Frank Jr.

Please join us in honoring March 9th as Billy Frank Jr. Day and acknowledge his decades-long fight for justice and environmental preservation. To learn more, watch this video created by Northwest Treaty Tribes, honoring Billy Frank Jr.: https://youtu.be/A_FI88TC_QM

PAHS Choir News



Senior Avery Saul was our sole student representative at this year's Washington All-State Music Festival in Yakima. She was selected for the All-State Choir after submitting a recorded audition back in October. She and the other All-State Choir students from across the state performed a beautiful concert Sunday, February 20 after rehearsing extensively with Dr. Christopher Harris from Arkansas Tech University. Director of Choral Music John Lorentzen shared, "This is a huge accomplishment, and I am so proud of her."

The Port Angeles Choirs have been accepted into the "Festival of Gold" at Carnegie Hall with WorldStrides (formerly Heritage Festivals) for spring 2023. Participating choirs are selected by audition and will travel to New York City from March 24-27 of 2023. The PAHS band and orchestra may be joining us, which would make it the first time all three music organizations (band, choir, and orchestra) would travel together to represent the entire PAHS Department of Music. Exciting times!



The PAHS Treble Ensemble and mezzo-soprano soloist Olivia Wray will be representing our region at the State Solo & Ensemble Festival in April (vocal category) after receiving superior ratings at the District Solo & Ensemble Festival in January. Also receiving superior ratings and first-alternate

honors are Vocal Unlimited (large mixed ensemble) and soloist Avery Saul (mezzo-soprano); superior ratings and second-alternate honors went to Abby Sanford (soprano) and Emi Halberg (mezzo-soprano).

Way to go, Choral Music Department! Such great accomplishments!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU:

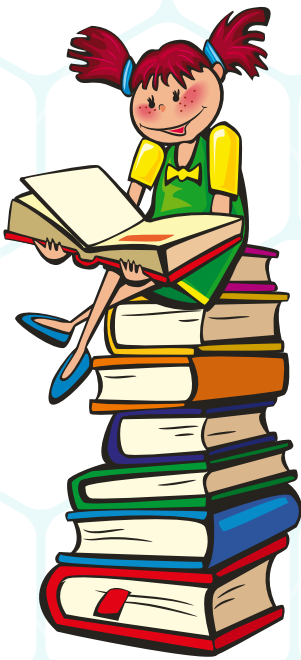
This weeks' staff spotlight is Kaitlin Smithson- Secretary at Lincoln High School and Seaview Academy!

- **Where are you from?** I was born in Korea but I've lived in WA state since I was 6 months old.
- **Where did you go to school?** I'm a PAHS alum
- **Favorite thing about working at LHS so far?** I love the community we have here. It's a small group but everyone is so welcoming and willing to help each other!
- **What was your first job?** My first job was working at a candy shop! I may or may not have tested out a lot of product...
- **Do you have any pets?** I have a zoo! I have three dogs, Jackson the Border Collie, Kyra the Rottweiler/Labradoodle, and Pluto the Bluetick Coonhound/Collie mix, and two cats, Kaizen and Jasper.
- **Favorite foods?** Korean food, tacos, artichokes.
- **What's your favorite family recipe?** My aunt has a killer cheesecake recipe. I've made it hundreds of times!
- **What is your favorite family vacation?** I went down to Long Beach, WA, and got engaged there! It was a rainy, cold weekend but it was full of love and my whole family was able to witness my engagement.
- **Who is your hero?** My dad. He's the strongest, most knowledgeable person I know. I call him every single day to get his advice or feedback on everything!
- **What was the last book you read?** Maid by Stephanie Land. There's a Netflix series based on the book and it's about a Port Townsend woman!
- **What's your favorite movie?** An Affair to Remember. It's a classic!
- **If you could go back in time, what year would you travel to and why?** I'd love to live my best life in the 50s or 60s! I love the slower-paced, family-focused culture. I could definitely live without the wood-paneled cars though.
- **What makes you laugh the most?** My dogs are a constant source of entertainment for me! My favorite days are those spent lounging around with my dogs and family.
- **What about hobbies?** I love photography and cooking/baking.
- **Do you like to travel?** I love traveling as long as it's not away from my dogs for too long!
- **One fun fact that most people don't know about you:** I eat 4-5 artichokes a week!
- **What celebrity would you like to meet for a cup of coffee?** Well, if I drank coffee I'd love to meet Audrey Hepburn or Gregory Peck. I'm somewhat of a romantic!
- **How many languages do you speak?** I'm currently taking a Spanish class and I took Korean last summer. I'd like to get back into learning Korean again!
- **Anything else you'd like to share?** I spend a lot of time watching Korean dramas. They're an investment of time, some of them are 30 hours long! Try out Crash Landing on You, I promise you won't regret it!





Each week, Roosevelt staff take turns providing snacks for one another. Last week, the front office partnered with [Sea to Summit Charcuterie Co.](#), to provide beautiful and delicious treats for the whole team. Wow!



Dr. Seuss (Paraeducator Lucy Wait) visited Hamilton Elementary for Read Across America Day! Pictured with Dr. Seuss is Principal Pringle with Daisy the therapy dog.



DISNEY DAY AT STEVENS FOR SCHOOL SPIRIT WEEK!

Students pictured left: Archer Prchal, Ashton Gedelman, Marticia Hamilton, Kaya Slack, Jade Jacobs, and Ella Jones.

Franklin sixth graders were tasked with writing a 5 paragraph essay. The one below is written by Mallory Hartman. From Principal Jeff Lunt, "The CharacterStrong trait for February was Kindness, so that was her focus. She has given some great details and has even included some things I've shared in the morning announcements. I think it speaks well regarding the social/emotional learning happening at schools across the district."



KINDNESS

Matters

By Mallory Hartman



Kindness is a way of showing people you care, or just helping someone you see that is in need. Kindness can be a message that you can send to people all over the world. Not only that, but you can show people kindness in many, many ways. This is a quote by Amelia Earhart: "A single act of kindness throws out roots in many directions, and the roots spring up to make new trees." This proves that the more kindness you give, the more people will spread it.

One good act of kindness can lead to another. For example, if you see someone on the street, is hungry, and cannot get any food, and you give them what they truly need, that is a powerful act of kindness. Giving someone kindness is the best thing you can do to a person. The best part is, if you give that person kindness, they might give kindness to you back, or to other people. More acts of kindness is what we need in the world today, and especially in the future.

Now, imagine a world without kindness. Without love, no one would help one another. Or, for example, if you got injured, or tripped, no one would be there to lift you up, or take you to a doctor. No one would be able to help you with your homework, or help you clean up a simple puddle of water that you might have spilled. Without kindness.... We would be alone. That is why kindness is sooo important. It's so people can cheer you up. So you can have fun with your friends and family. That is why we NEED kindness.

Not only can you spread kindness outside, but you can spread it around inside too. By being kind to your family. Just like there are many ways to be kind to people in your community, there are just as many ways to be kind in your own household. What are some ways exactly? Well, one of the most common ways to show kindness to your family is doing extra chores around the house. That can show your family how much you appreciate them, and even show them some responsibility too. Another way to show kindness in your household, is to write positive notes to your family members. It can lift their spirits if they are having a rough day, and help them feel good about themselves. Just one more of the many, many, ways of showing kindness, is just as simple as a thank you, or a hug. Even both. It can help your family know the gratitude you have for them.

This is why kindness is one of the most important things in the world. The less people show kindness, the more hatred will spread. That is something that could ruin the world as we know it. The MORE kindness we spread, the LESS hatred will be surrounding the world. This is why we all need more kindness on earth. " Sometimes it takes only one act of kindness to change a person's life" - Jackie Chan.



Students in Lisa McCoy's 2nd-grade class at Jefferson learned about important events in Black History and created a timeline with pictures and facts. Nicely done, students!

NJROTC ROUGHRIDER COMPANY HOSTED THE JROTC DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS LAST SATURDAY. RESULTS BELOW:

Meet:

- **Precision Air Rifle – 1st Place**
- **Academics – 1st Place**
- **Academics Individual – Addie Lomax – 1st Place**
- **Iron Woman Physical Strength – Clara Murphy – 1st Place**
- **Armed Duals – Naaman McGuffey/Javen DeScala – 1st Place**
- **Armed Individuals – Naaman McGuffey – 1st Place**
- **Armed Drill Down – Katherine Christ – 1st Place**
- **Unarmed Drill Down – Clara Murphy 2nd Place – Jerry McCann 3rd Place**
- **Armed Drill Team – 2nd Place**
- **Armed Drill Team commander – William Rife – 3rd Place**
- **Color Guard #1 – 3rd Place**
- **Color Guard #1 Commander – Naaman McGuffey – 2nd Place**



Division Champions: Academics and Precision Air Rifle



News and Notes, our PASD staff newsletter, is emailed out each week on Friday during the school year to all staff and is archived on the District's website under Departments, then Communications. Do you have a news item for the staff newsletter? Send an e-mail to Carmen Geyer, Communications & Community Relations Coordinator, at cgeyer@portangelesschools.org by the Wednesday before.

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